(c) The Life Insurance Corporation of India has decentralized the work relating to claim settlement operations and other servicing functions to its Branch Offices with an object to bring the servicing to the door steps of the policyholders/claimants. The Agents, Development Officers and the Branch officials extend all possible help to the claimants in furnishing the necessary requirements to the concerned servicing Branch offices in order to settle the claims expeditiously.

Production of Commercial Planes

7084. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister fo DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to produce commercial planes on a large scale in the Defence Production units;

(b) if so, the units selected for the production of Defence as well as commercial planes; and

(c) the details of the target fixed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the Ministry of Defence the Company for the manufacture of both civil and military aircraft is the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

(c) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details.

National Hardware show at Chicago, USA.

7085. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Fair Authority of India organised a National Hardware show in Chicago, U.S.A. recently;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange earned and the total amount of business transacted in the show; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Trade Fair Authority of India on the show?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Trade Fair Authority of India organised participation in the National Hardware Show held at Chicago (USA) between 11th and 14th August, 1991.

(b) As per the reports received from the participants in India Pavilion, the value of business booked is of the order of Rs. 11.15 crores. In addition business under negotiation is reported to be of the order of Rs. 14.88 crores.

(c) The estimated expenditure incurred by TFAI on participation in this show is Rs. 18.83 lakhs in foreign exchange and Rs. 1.15 lakhs in Indian currency.

Aid from Japan

7086: SHRI SUNDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of aid received from Japan during 1990-91;

(b) the soecific purpose for which the aid was received;

(c) whether the entire amount of aid was utilised;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any likelihood of an increase in aid from Japan this year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Each year Govt. of

Japan commits soft loans tied to specific projects. Utilisation of these loans is spread over the duration of the project implementation. In 1990-91 Japan committed loan of Yen 104 Billion tied to 6 projects. However, the aid received (i.e. disbursement actually made) was Yen 62 billion.

(b) Aid received in 1990-91 related to 46 ongoing projects, currently being assisted by Japan for which loans were committed in the earlier Years.

(c) and (d). As stated earlier these loans are project tied and aid utilisation depends upon the implementation of the projects. At any given time, there is unutilised balance in the pipeline which is to be utlised in the subsequent years.

(e) and (f). The Japanese aid for 1991-92 will be pledged at the India Consortium Meeting scheduled to be held on 19th and 20th September, 1991.

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen of Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts

7087. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent residents of Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts retired during the last three years from Army, Air Force and Navy, separately;

(b) the number of these retired persons rehabilitated so far in hill districts of Uttar Pradesh itself;

(c) whether the ex-servicemen belonging to hill districts face lot of problems in re-employment and rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government have any scheme to provide proper employment opportunities to these ex-serviceman so that they can be rehabilitated in their native or nearby places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). As per the information received from Director General Resettlement, the number of ex-Servicemen, who have got their names registered with the Zila Sainik Boards in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts and those rehabilitated is as under:-

Districts	*Number of Registrants*			*Number of those who have secured employment*		
	1988	*1989*	*1990*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
Pauri Garhwal	431	686	416	22	40	69
Chamoli	288	244	201	13	19	20

(c) to (e). Rehabilitation and employment opportunities in the hill districts are comparatively lower than in the plain areas due to the limited industrial and commercial activities in the hill areas. Self-employment schemes, like SEMFEX-I and SAMFEX-II, are being implemented. In addition, several training schemes to improve the employability of ex-Servicemen and to facilitate in the setting up of self-employment ventures are being operated.

War Widows Rehabilitation Centres in Hill District of Uttar Pradesh

7088. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of war widows rehabili-